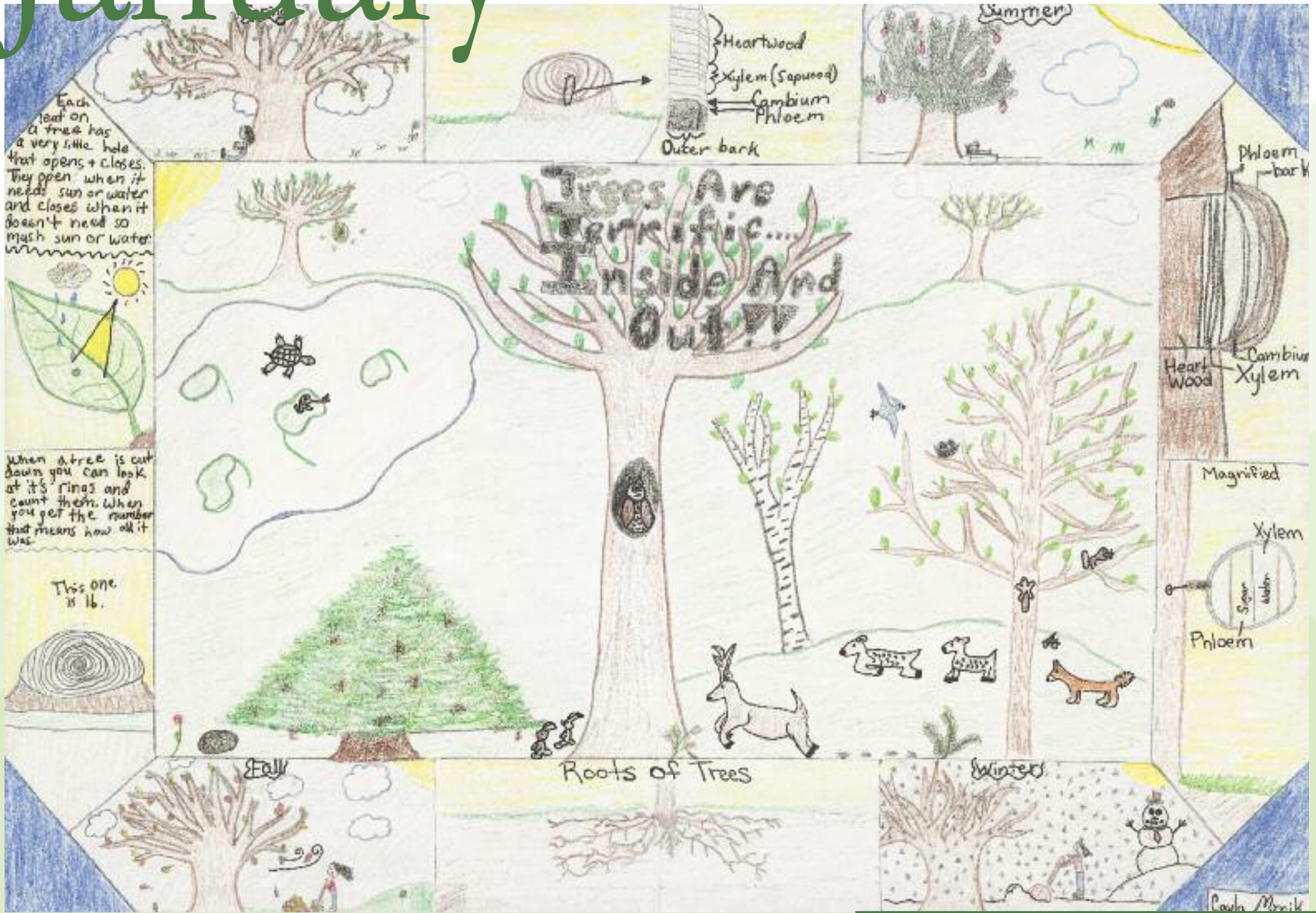


# January



**Cayla Mrnik** • Honorable Mention  
Deerfield Elementary School, Oak Creek  
Teacher: Amy Asala

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 What is your favorite tree?	6	7 Black bear cubs being born in dens. The cubs are so tiny they could fit in the palm of your hand!	8 Listen for drumming woodpeckers. They peck at trees to find food, communicate with other birds, and attract a mate.	9	10
11 Full (Wolf) Moon Conservationist Aldo Leopold born (1887)	12 Count the birds you see today. What kinds are they?	13	14 Time to watch bald eagles along lower Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.	15	16 Listen for black-capped chickadees as they begin their spring courtship songs.	17 How do Canada geese and robins spend the winter months?
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22 Identify fresh tracks in the snow. Where do you think the animal is going?	23	24 Beavers, red fox, wolves, and Canada lynx begin mating.
25	26 Chinese New Year – Year of the Ox	27	28 Fun Forestry Fact: Are you wearing a tree? Fabrics such as rayon are made from tree fibers.	29	30	31 Learn about winter tree identification.

Bear cubs are born in winter while females are resting in their den. The cubs are so tiny they could fit in the palm of your hand, but they grow to six pounds by springtime.



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## My Favorite Forest Animal

By Andrea Lutz

**My favorite forest animal is a bear cub.**  
**I bet it could eat a whole Subway sub.**  
**It doesn't really eat subs, they eat fish,**  
**and the fish doesn't get served in a dish.**  
**Bear cubs eat lots of berries too;**  
**because that is what they're supposed to do.**

**Cubs are little, cute, and hairy.**  
**They also can be sort of scary.**  
**Bear cubs can be black or brown.**  
**They love to climb up and down.**  
**Bear cubs are usually born in doubles,**  
**and two can cause lots of troubles.**

**Cubs are born while mother naps**  
**as the winter's cold air zaps.**  
**The playful cubs grow big and strong;**  
**mother bear help them along.**  
**Bear cubs remind me of my teddy bear,**  
**and about their future we should all care.**

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